APPENDIX B

Regional Conference Agenda



ASSISTING SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS **Bay Area Regional Conference**

April 5-6, 2001 Judicial Council Conference Center San Francisco

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Thursday, April 5, 2001

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00 – 10:20 a.m. WELCOMING REMARKS

Hon. Ronald L. Taylor

Judge of the Superior Court of Riverside County Chief Justice Ronald M. George (via video)

California Supreme Court

Ron Albers

Member of the Board of Governors, State Bar of California

10:20 – 10:50 a.m. A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Hon. Donna Hitchens

Judge of the Superior Court of San Francisco

10:50 – 11:00 a.m. CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Ms. Bonnie Rose Hough

Senior Attorney, Administrative Office of the Courts

11:00 – 11:45 GROUP EXERCISE FOR EACH COUNTY

What resources are available? What resources are needed?

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH (Careme Room, Culinary Academy on Polk/Turk)

Mr. Richard Zorza

Consultant, Zorza Associations, New York, NY Core Strategies for Pro Per Implementation

1:45 – 3:15 p.m. WORKSHOPS I

UNBUNDLING OF LEGAL SERVICES

Training Room 1

Ms. M. Sue Talia, Attorney at Law

THE CHANGING ROLE OF COURT CLERKS & LAW LIBRARIANS

Training room 2

Ms. Inga McElyea, Assistant Court Executive Office

Superior Court of Riverside County

Ms. Pat Pfremmer, Law Librarian, Santa Cruz County Law Library

HOW CAN JUDGES COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WITH SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS? ***Hearing Room 9***

Hon. Donna Hitchens

Judge of the Superior Court of San Francisco County

Hon. Alice Lytle

Judge of the Superior Court of Sacramento County

Hon. Norma Castellanos-Perez

Commissioner of the Superior Court of Tulare County

Deborah Chase

Family Law Facilitator, Superior Court of Alameda County

PROVIDING GENERAL CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS SELF-HELP SERVICES ***Training Room 3***

Hon. Jack Komar

Judge of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County

Ms. Debra Hodges

Director of Special Project, Superior Court of Santa Clara County

Ms. Tina Rasnow Access Center, Superior Court of Ventura

Coordinator, Self-Help Legal County

Mr. Scott Reep, Small Claims Advisor

Superior Court of Contra Costa County

SELF-HELP WEBSITES

BSITES

Sequoia Room – 3rd Fl, JCCC

Mr. Harry Jacobs, Consultant

Administrative Office of the Courts

Mr. Richard Zorza

Consultant, Zorza Associates, New York, New York

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. BREAK Resource Center Open

3:45 – 5:15 p.m. WORKSHOPS II

ETHICAL ISSUES FOR ATTORNEYS WORKING WITH SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS ***Training Room 1***

Mr. Robert Hawley

Deputy Executive Director, State Bar of California

Ms. Louise Bayles-Fightmaster

Family Law Facilitator, Superior Court of Sonoma County

Ms. Rita Mah

Family Law Facilitator, Superior Court of San Mateo County

HOW TO SECURE FUNDING FOR COURT-BASED SELF-HELP PROJECTS

Hearing Room 9

Ms. Bonnie Rose Hough

Senior Attorney, Administrative Office of the Courts

Ms. Mary Viviano

Special Assistant, State Bar of California

Mr. James Pfeiffer

Executive Director, Foundation of the State Bar of California

TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST SELF-REPRESENTED ***Sequoia Room - 3rd Fl, JCCC***

Mr. Robert Cohen

Executive Director, Orange County Legal Aid

Mr. Dale Wells

Family Law Facilitator, Superior Court of Riverside County

Mr. Mike Roddy

Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Sacramento County

PROVIDING EFFECTIVE SERVICES TO NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS ***Training Room 2***

Hon. Ken Kawaichi

Judge of the Superior Court of Alameda County

Ms. Carmen Ramirez

Coordinator, Self-Help Legal Access Center

Superior Court of Ventura County

Ms. Irene Morales, Executive Director, Inland County Legal

Services, Riverside

PROVIDING GUARDIANSHIP AND PROBATE SERVICES TO SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS ***Training Room 3***

Ms. Christina Griffin

Attorney, Volunteer Legal Services Program, Alameda County Bar Association, Guardianship Clinic

Ms. Judith Gough

Volunteer Attorney, Volunteer Legal Services Program,

Alameda County Bar Association, Guardianship Clinic

Ms. Tina Rasnow

Coordinator, Self-Help Legal Access Center,

Superior Court of Ventura County

Ms. Joan Maredyth, Attorney and Former Director

Superior Court of Sacramento County Guardianship Clinic

5:15 – 7:15 p.m. RECEPTION – Resource Center Open ***JCCC-3rd Floor***

Friday, April 6, 2001

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. WORKSHOPS III

PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE BAR AND LEGAL SERVICES AGENCIES

Training Room 1

Ms. Mary Viviano
Special Assistant, State Bar of California
Ms. Carmen Ramirez, Attorney
Attorney, Self-Help Legal Access Center,
Superior Court of Ventura County
Ms. Denise Gordon

Deputy Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Sonoma County

MAKING THE COURTHOUSE MORE ACCESSIBLE

Hearing Room 9*

Ms. Florence Prushan

Assistant Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Ventura County

Mr. Art Sims

Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Alameda County

Mr. Ken Torre

Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Contra Costa County

EXPANDING FAMILY LAW SERVICES TO SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS ***Sequoia Room - 3rd Fl, JCCC***

Hon. Joni Hiramoto

Judge of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County

Ms. Kristen Hoadley

Family Law Facilitator, Superior Court of San Francisco County

Ms. Andrea Agloro

Executive Director, Sonoma County Legal Aid Services

DEVELOPING RESOURCES FOR THE COURTROOM

Training Room 2

Hon. Mary Ann Grilli

Judge of the Superior Court of Santa Clara

Mr. Tom Surh

Family Law Facilitator, Superior Court of Alameda County Ms. Christina Griffin, Attorney, Volunteer Legal Services Program, Alameda County Bar Association, Guardianship Clinic

THE USE OF ADR AND SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS

Training Room 3

Ms. Nancy Heischman

Mediator, Conflict Resolution Center of Santa Cruz County

Ms. Kathleen McKenna

Mediator, Multi-Option ADR Project, San Mateo County

Ms. Jill Sperber

Director, State Bar of California

Office of Mandatory Fee Arbitration

Mr. Phil Crawford

Deputy Court Executive for Family and Professional Court

Services, Superior Court of Contra Costa County

Ms. Heather Anderson

Attorney, Office of General Counsel, Administrative Office of the Courts

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. BREAK-OUT GROUPS

1. Private Attorneys 6. Domestic Violence Advocates

2. Court Administrators 7. Law Librarians

3. Judicial Officers 8. Small Claims Advisors

4. Family Law Facilitators5. Legal Services Representatives9. Mediators10. Others

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH – Ramada Plaza Hotel, Whitcomb Ballroom

1231 Market Street/8th Street

Mr. Bryan Borys, Director of Organizational Development and Education, Superior Court of Los Angeles County

EVALUATING SELF-HELP PROGRAMS

1:45 – 3:00 p.m. COUNTY TEAM BREAK OUTS

Who are our potential partners in the community?

What do we want to do in our community?

What concrete steps will we take when we go back

to our community?

How can we get the funds we need to make this program

happen?

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. BREAK

3:15 – 4:00 p.m. REPORT BACK FROM COUNTY TEAMS

4:00 – 4:05 p.m. WRAP UP AND CHARGE TO ACTION

William C. Vickrey

Administrative Director of the Courts, Administrative Office of the Courts